

“Celebration of Salvation- Part 1”

1 Peter 1:1-5

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I. Introduction

* Paul was the apostle of faith; John was the apostle of love; and Peter was the apostle of hope!
(v. 1)

A. Peter was the writer of this general epistle.

1. Peter (v. 1)
2. His name
3. His call
4. His fall
5. His commission
 - a) “an apostle” (v. 1)
 - b) All believers are called to represent Christ’s interests here on earth.
We are all supposed to be missionaries, whether at home or abroad.

B. The recipients of the letter (v.1)

1. “strangers”
2. “resident aliens”
3. “scattered”
 - a) “diaspora” or “seed”

C. Peter’s purpose for this letter?

1. Because these Christians were “strangers who were scattered.”
 - a) They were suffering persecution (1 Peter 1:6; 1 Peter 4:12)
 - b) It has been normal for Christians to suffer persecution. However,
we Christians living in the Western world have not until recently.
2. Peter was writing to help these suffering believers “stand” in the face of opposition.
 - a) Stand in three areas:
 - 1) Your salvation (1 Peter 1:1-2:10)
 - 2) Your submission (1 Peter 2:11 - 3:12)
 - 3) Your suffering (1 Peter 3:12 - 5:11)

D. Peter starts with “salvation.” Why? It’s doctrine!

1. Peter wants us to “stand” in two aspects of our salvation.
 - a) Its election
 - b) Its hope

II. Stand in Salvation's Election (1 Peter 1:2)

* Peter gives us three reasons to celebrate:

- A. God the Father chose you (v. 2)
 - 1. "Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father" (v. 2)
- B. God the Spirit set you apart (v. 2)
 - 1. "Sanctification of the Spirit"
- C. God the Son died for me (v. 2)
 - 1. "...unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ" (v. 2)
 - 2. "for obedience to Jesus Christ" (v. 2)
 - 3. We must believe or trust in Jesus Christ
 - a) It's faith in Christ
 - 4. "God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth" (2 Thessalonians 2:13)
 - 5. Jesus is the object of our faith
 - 6. "...and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ" (v. 2)
 - a) The blood of His cross
 - b) We are forgiven by grace and have peace
 - c) Stand in your salvation

III. Stand in Salvation's Hope (1 Peter 1:3-5)

* Our salvation brings us:

- A. A living hope (v. 3)
 - 1. The resurrection of Jesus Christ, our living hope
 - a) His pardon
 - b) His presence
 - c) His power
 - d) His pattern
- B. A heavenly hope (v. 4)
 - 1. Our salvation guarantees heaven
 - 2. (v.4) "reserved" or "garrison"
 - 3. Jesus promised (John 14)
 - 4. Jesus prayed (John 17)
 - a) Heaven is our inheritance (v. 4)
 - b) It's incorruptible; it won't decay
 - c) It's undefiled or won't tarnish
 - d) It will not fade away (v. 4)

C. A secure hope (v. 5)

1. God's keeping power (v. 5)
2. God's keeping purpose (Romans 8:1)
 - a) "Moreover, whom He did predestinate, them He also called, them He also justified; and whom He justified, them he also glorified."
(Romans 8:30)

IV. Conclusion

- A. What begins with grace ends in glory!